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1. SUMMARY. MILGROUP HERE IS TO BE TERMINATED IN SLIGHTLY OVER 48 HOURS. TO DATE, EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN AUTHORIZED TO GIVE FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF TERMINATION TO GOU, HAS NOT BEEN INSTRUCTED AS TO WHAT USG WILL DO WITH AIR FORCE MISSION AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH MILGROUP OPERATES AND AMBASSADOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND QUESTIONS WITH RESPECT TO COMPOSITION AND NAME OF FUTURE SECURITY ASSISTANCE UNIT AND STATUS OF PERSONNEL WITHIN EMBASSY HAVE NOT BEEN ANSWERED. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT AUTHORITY SOUGHT AND ACTION REQUESTED IN REFTELS B AND E AND IN PARAS 2, 3, AND 4, BELOW, BE CABLED IMMEDIATELY. END SUMMARY.

2. THE MILGROUP IN URUGUAY IS TO BE TERMINATED IN A LITTLE MORE
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THAN 48 HOURS. WHILE WE HAVE INFORMALLY DISCUSSED THE TERMINATION

WITH SENIOR URUGUAYAN OFFICIALS, WE HAVE NOT PRESENTED FORMAL NOTIFICATION TO THE GOU. WE BELIEVE COMMON COURTESY AND DIPLOMATIC CONSIDERATIONS MAKE IT IMPERATIVE THAT THE EMBASSY BE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE SUCH NOTIFICATION PRIOR TO COB SEPTEMBER 30. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE EMBASSY BE AUTHORIZED IMMEDIATELY TO INFORM THE GOU FORMALLY THAT THE MILGROUP WILL BE TERMINATED ON SEPTEMBER 30.

3. REFTTEL B INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE MILGROUP HERE OPERATES UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF AN AIR FORCE MISSION AGREEMENT SIGNED DECEMBER 4, 1951 (TIAS 2369) AND EXTENDED INDEFINITELY BY URUGUAYAN EMBASSY NOTE 1631/55 - 824.1 OF JUNE 2, 1955. THE AGREEMENT CAN BE TERMINATED UNDER PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 4(A) WHICH REQUIRES THREE MONTHS NOTICE OR BY ARTICLE 4(B) AS BEING IN THE U.S. PUBLIC INTEREST AND WITHOUT ADVANCE NOTIFICATION. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT INSTRUCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE AIR FORCE MISSION AGREEMENT BE SENT ALONG WITH THE AUTHORITY REQUESTED IN PARA 2 ABOVE.

4. REFTTEL E CONTAINED THE AMBASSADOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE STAFFING PATTERN FOR THE OFFICE WHICH IS TO REPLACE THE MILGROUP. ACTION REQUESTED: A) THAT THE AMBASSADOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A THREE-MAN UNIT BE APPROVED; B) APPROVAL TO USE DESIGNATION HERE OF OFFICE OF DEFENSE ASSISTANCE; AND, C) CLARIFICATION OF DIPLOMATIC STATUS OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE ADVISORS. THIS ACTION, TOO, SHOULD BE TAKEN CONCURRENTLY WITH ACTIONS REQUESTED IN PARAS 2 AND 3 ABOVE.
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